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The Youth Fair to award scholarships to 8 students for their dedication to community service

What: The Miami-Dade County Youth Fair & Expo announces the 2015 Walter B. Arnold Jr. Youth Hall of Fame Community Service Award winners

When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2015

Where: The Grand Ballroom, R. Ray Goode Building-second floor, at The Youth Fair
10901 Coral Way, Miami, Fla. 33165 (Enter Gate #2 on SW 109th Avenue)

Who: Four middle-school students and four senior high school students from public and private schools will be recognized for their work to help others overcome hardships. Each will receive \$100 and a finalist plaque. Two of the finalists will be inducted into the 2015 Youth Hall of Fame. They will each receive a check for \$1,000.

Why: The Walter B. Arnold Jr. Youth Hall of Fame Community Service Award was initiated in 2000 as a way to promote the accomplishments of students outside the classroom. To date, 25 students have been inducted in the Hall of Fame.

Walter B. Arnold Jr. (1914-2000) had a 41-year history of leading The Youth Fair, including as general manager and president. He is credited with the vision of taking a small 4-H Fair and making it into one of the most beloved attractions in Miami-Dade County with a loyal following of more than 500,000 fair goers. The Youth Fair is a nonprofit fundraiser that exists solely to promote education and agriculture.

More information about Walter B. Arnold Jr. can be found at
<http://community.dadeschools.net/fair/fairbio.asp>

The Youth Fair is a not-for-profit, private organization that awards more than \$300,000 annually in college scholarships, cash premiums and awards to local public, private, charter and home school students. To date, The Youth Fair has awarded well above \$10 million to Miami-Dade students to help them achieve higher education. In 2014, it awarded \$90,000 in college scholarships, including \$7,000 to winners of Miami-Dade County Public School's inaugural Elie Wiesel Foundation Prize in Ethics Essay Contest. The annual Youth Fair is the only venue where students can showcase their educational, art and science achievements all in one place and be rewarded for their efforts. More than 40,000 student projects are exhibited each year to more than half a million families, friends and fairgoers. Please visit <http://www.thefair.me/>

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